

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 4. Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, and 12-18 as follows:

#### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended)      A fork lift truck, comprising:  
a chassis; and  
a battery block ~~configured to be located inside the chassis,~~  
wherein the chassis has a lateral opening for removal of the battery block in a substantially lateral direction, and  
wherein the chassis includes a beam to which a bending load can be applied and which beam is located on an upper side of the lateral opening in the chassis,  
wherein the chassis is at least partly open on the bottom underneath the battery block, and  
wherein the space underneath the battery block is at least partly free of load-bearing chassis components.
2. (Original)    The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beam is shaped so that it extends to a front side of the opening in the chassis.
3. (Original)    The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beam is shaped so that it extends to a rear side of the opening in the chassis.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended)      The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in a forward portion,~~ of the beam is rigidly connected with a receptacle for a front axle of the fork lift truck.

6. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the beam in its~~ a rear portion of the beam is rigidly connected with a rear counterweight of the fork lift truck.

7. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beam has an at least approximately T-shaped section.

8. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beam includes at least one hollow section.

9. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein the beam is shaped so that it extends to a rear side of the opening in the chassis.

10. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chassis is at least partly open on the bottom in a vicinity of the battery block.

11. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 3, wherein the chassis is at least partly open on the bottom in a vicinity of the battery block.

12. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~in a forward portion,~~ of the beam is rigidly connected with a receptacle for a front axle of the fork lift truck.

13. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~in a forward portion,~~ of the beam is rigidly connected with a receptacle for a front axle of the fork lift truck.

14. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~in a forward portion,~~ of the beam is rigidly connected with a receptacle for a front axle of the fork lift truck.

15. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the beam in its~~ a rear portion of the beam is rigidly connected with a rear counterweight of the fork lift truck.

16. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~the beam in its~~ a rear portion of the beam is rigidly connected with a rear counterweight of the fork lift truck.

17. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the beam in its~~ a rear portion of the beam is rigidly connected with a rear counterweight of the fork lift truck.

18. (Currently Amended) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~the beam in its~~ a rear portion of the beam is rigidly connected with a rear counterweight of the fork lift truck.

19. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein the beam has an at least approximately T-shaped section.

20. (Original) The fork lift truck as claimed in claim 2, wherein the beam includes at least one hollow section.